

Homophobia

Re: Margaret Wentz; Campus Diversity—yeah, and I'm Queen of the May; and Editorial: How Ryerson Failed Margaret Somerville.

I think Margaret Somerville is using intellectual sleight of hand to conceal (perhaps from herself) her homophobia. She objects to same-sex marriage because “kids need and want a mom and dad, and they want their own biological parents.” It may come as a surprise to Ms Somerville that it is unnecessary to prevent same-sex couples from marrying and having kids. Same-sex couples DON'T PROCREATE because they are, well, the same sex.

If they want children, they must acquire them by extraordinary means: artificial insemination; adoption; etc., *which is the point at which Ms Somerville should attempt to intervene* if she feels that same-sex couples shouldn't have children. Unlike for heterosexual couples, for same-sex couples getting married has nothing to do with having children, so why does Ms Somerville want to prevent them from marrying?

Why would she prevent from marrying those same-sex couples that *don't want* children?

And the message that Ms Somerville sends to all the orphans and abandoned children in the world is that they are damaged goods because their caregivers are not genetically related to them. I wonder if Ms Somerville would rather we didn't allow adoption.

Finally, I would like to meet the abandoned child who told Ms Somerville that he would rather stay in the orphanage than have adoptive, genetically unrelated, parents.

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